SACE CCL Cross Exhibit 7 [Hearing Ex.]: DESC Response to DCA DR 1-30

DOMINION ENERGY SOUTH CAROLINA, INC. DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS FIRST SET OF REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS DOCKET NO. 2020-125-E

REQUEST NO. 1-30:

Please provide all studies and analyses the Company is aware of that generally examine the relationship between utility rates and customer affordability. Please provide the requested documents in electronic form with all spreadsheet links and formulas intact, source data used, and explain all assumptions and calculations used. To the extent the data requested is not available in the form requested, provide the information in the form that most closely matches what has been requested.

RESPONSE NO. 1-30:

DESC's rates are cost-based and therefore reflect the costs of providing electric service to its customers in a cost effective and efficient means. The Company invests in generation, transmission and distribution assets; technology and software for its operations; accounting systems; and employee training and motivation programs in a continuing effort to increase the efficiency of its utility operations and reduce the cost of the energy it provides. The Company's expenses are subject to audit and review by ORS and the rates they produce brought before the Commission for review in rate proceedings such as this one. The Company is not in possession of any studies or analyses that examine the relationship between utility rates and customer affordability.